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From the Helm

Commodore's Report

Lee Coller

2025 SCYA Commodore

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It was a joy being in Ensenada for the end of the Newport Ensenada race. Congratulations to all the winners.

In my last Searchlight I mentioned my wife and I were planning on being in Hawaii for the end of the Transpac. Unfortunately due to scheduling conflicts we are unable to make it. We wish all the competitors the best and to stay safe.

Opening day season is now over. The last opening day I attended was at Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club, and they always put on a good display. Unlike most of our Southern California

yacht clubs, Lake Arrowhead's opening day is truly an opening day, the weather has warmed up, they've moved all their boats out of their building (which is not heated) and put them back in the water. Because of its distance they don't get many other clubs represented.

We've seen an increase in scams targeting our member clubs and SCYA itself. Here are some examples:

1. SCYA recently received an invoice for \$168 for internet service for the scya.org domain. It was identified as a scam only because I knew who our internet provider was, and it wasn't this company. It looks like if we'd actually paid the \$168, we also would have been authorizing them to take over our domain.
2. An email sent to Kim (our SCYA service manager) pretending to come from me asking if she was available and indicating that email was the only way of contact. We went ahead and responded to that email and the scammer said "I" had an invoice that need to be paid and that they didn't take any of our usual payment methods. I'm aware of at least one club receiving a similar message.
3. Emails pretending to come from one officer sent to another asking to purchase gift cards.

These are targeted scans, using publicly available information from your website. Be suspicious of any email asking for payments. The best way to avoid these is to always check the email address, and when replying to an email, make sure the address it is for the person you expect.

Coming in August is the Safety at Sea Seminar being hosted by California Yacht Club.

Just a reminder SCYA is happy to publicize events that your clubs are opening up to all of SCYA membership, just email service@scya.org with the information.

If you would like to be involved with SCYA, we are still looking for volunteers. Specifically, we are looking for people to manage our Information Technology and a Trophy chair. I've currently taken the responsibility of maintaining the SCYA website. If there is anything you would like to see there, please feel free to let me know (commodore@scya.org).

Lee Coller

2025 SCYA Commodore
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From the Bridge

V/C Report

Jodi Masters-Gonzales

2025 SCYA Vice Commodore

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It's been a lot of fun to get out on the water or join members dockside for celebrations and camaraderie recently. This time has given me an opportunity to connect and reflect, especially as planning for 2026 gets underway.

In this month's report, I share more recent highlights from our exceptional community, as well as available SCYA resources to draw upon, heading into the new year.

BUT FIRST—put safety on your Summer calendar—and help us spread the word out the SCYA Safety at Sea at CYC! ([see below](#)).

BUILDING COMMUNITY: CONGRESSIONAL CUP

It was an honor to represent SCYA at the Congressional Cup's fourth day of racing. As we got underway on *Executive Decision*, Congressional Cup Chairman Steve Meyer announced his intention in bringing us together—to build community while having a fun day on the water!

As the "new kid" on the block, I was welcomed by all as we began getting to know each other and networking. Without a doubt, Chairman Meyer's leadership set the tone for the afternoon.

Many thanks to Captain Reese and Linda Howell, LBYC S/C Camille Daniels (LBYC's legendary first female Commodore and Past Congressional Chairman), St. Francis Vice Commodore Susan Ruhne (Rolex Big Boat Series Chairman), Balboa Yacht Club Director Christine Gribbon (Governor's Cup Chair), Maritime Maven and longtime reporter Jo Murray (also wife of a past Chairman, and the first female Chairman of the City of Long Beach's Marine Advisory Commission that was formed 70 years ago), LBYC S/C Jonathan Schull and his wife Anne, and hospitality staff who made the experience one to remember.

It was an exceptional day on the water. I learned—and was truly humbled—seeing first hand, what it takes to commit year-after-year, with sustained effort and passion, to ensure the sport of sailing endures.

This experience inspired me to consider what is possible for

the sport within the SCYA community as-a-whole.

In kicking-off planning for 2026 SCYA Midwinter Regatta and Women's Boating Event, we've begun reaching into our community to bring the most experienced organizers and sailing SMEs to our Steering Committees. If you are interested in helping to improve coordination and support in our region, please reach out—even if to simply offer comments/suggestions.

Beginners and "new kids" are always welcome.



(L to R: Observing and learning as Captain Reese Howell and LBYC S/C Camille Daniels positioned *Executive Decision* into the prime spectator position.)



(L to R: Camaraderie with Balboa Yacht Club Dir. Christine Gribbo, St. Francis V/C Susan Ruhne, SCYA V/C Jodi Masters-Gonzales, Congressional Cup Chairman Steve Meyer.)



For complete coverage of the 2025 Congressional Cup, read Jo Murray's (pictured left) coverage.

Her latest installment can be accessed [here](#), *Eric Monnin wins 60th Congressional Cup, defeats 2-time defending champ in final = Orange County Register*.

SCYA offers several ways to support your club's on-the-water activities and events

See submission guidelines at the end of this newsletter:

- Searchlight, the SCYA monthly newsletter
- Spotlight, one-off promotional emails
- SCYA Facebook page, social sharing online

COMMUNITY & MEMBERSHIP

Following my presentation at the SCYA Rear Commodore Seminar in 2024, participants liked the idea of getting together regularly to prepare for the year ahead and to continue to gel as a cohort. The intention was to create a trusted resource to lean into as we continue moving forward through the Flags.

One of our more popular sessions was led by Santa Barbara Yacht Club Commodore, Jeff Berkus, on the topic of *Attracting, Growing and Retaining Members*. SBYC is one of the few SCYA member organizations who boast a multi-year waiting list. One of the key takeaways was SBYC's culture and sustained effort to intentionally position itself as a valuable community asset. This included everything from working to establish and grow a thriving youth sailing foundation and program to nurturing relationships and goodwill with local government. (Meeting recording available upon request.)

The axis of community and growing sustainable membership was further highlighted by Steve Potter (SMWYC), when he presented on *Components of a Successful Junior Program for*

Clubs of All Sizes. Despite a slow start and zero budget in 2013, the program has attracted many new families and now grosses a close 2nd for the club in terms of annual revenue. Likewise, key takeaways include intentionally developing a culture and seizing the market opportunity that prioritizes safety, fun, and non-competitive sailing—both in terms of direct competition with other programs in the harbor and program activities. (Meeting notes are available upon request).

Finally, Cal Yacht Club V/C John Hamilton is speaking next month on the topic of *CYC Strong: Reflections and Lessons on Disaster, Resilience, and Community*. I suspect we will learn valuable lessons not just about disaster preparedness, but also about the pivotal role of community in CYC's resilience and creating a sustainable path forward. [REGISTER HERE](#)—you won't want to miss this!

YACHT CLUB GOVERNANCE

Many of us find ourselves in roles and on leadership teams with varying degrees of experience, facing a variety of challenges, limited resources, and an incredibly short timeline within which to be effective.

So, over the last few years, I developed and delivered a series of club governance seminars driven by feedback from leadership of SCYA member organizations.

In addition to themes of building a sustainable membership rooted in community, other overarching requests have consistently landed in the leadership arena, usually looking to

close gaps in knowledge, align teams, create a shared vision and constructive path forward. **Our Northstar is always additive discourse and guidance on the subject matter at hand.**

The following is a list of seminars that have already been designed and delivered, where slide decks are available. Please reach out if you'd like me to send you a copy, and/or, if you have additional topics you'd like to see in 2026:

- **Fiduciary Duty** (What is it? Fundamental Principles & Risk Use Cases)
- **Nominating Committee** (Leading the Committee, Defining the "Best Person," What Could Go Wrong?)
- **Corinthian Leadership** (Leading with Corinthianism, Effective Teams & Essential RRO)

OPENING DAYS

Rounding out the final few Opening Days, several members suggested that SCYA compile a set of digital resources that members can download to support Opening Days in 2026. On the list are:

- [Opening Days Best Practices](#) [video] by SCYA Commodore Lee Coller
- Opening Day sign-in sheets (will be available Q1 2026)
- Opening Days scripts (please share yours!)
- [Armed Forces Medley 2023 \(Including Space Force!\)](#)

A final highlight from the season was the Lighting Ceremony at Silver Gate Yacht Club. According to Gary Nydam, SGYC Fleet Captain, "It was more than 50 years ago and

possibly dated to the founding of the club. For us it is an homage to traditional east coast yacht clubs."

The tradition of extinguishing a lantern on Closing Day and lighting it again on Opening Day is a poignant and symbolic ritual observed by many yacht clubs, particularly in regions where seasonal changes necessitate a break from sailing activities. While specific stories about this practice are scarce, the ceremony itself is deeply rooted in yachting culture, embodying themes of transition, respect for tradition, and community.





Much aloha and mahalo 🌺

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From the Bridge

R/C Report

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Get Ready to sail into summer.

Can you believe we're already halfway through the year? Opening Day season has sailed by in a flash, and now we're cruising into the best of spring and summer! June might tease us with a little cloud or drizzle, but July promises nothing but sun-kissed sails and sparkling water. There is no better place to be than on the water.

Boost Your Club Membership!

Summer is prime time to reel in new members and keep your current crew engaged. Let SCYA be your first mate! Share

your summer events with us, from regattas to raft-ups, and we'll spread the word across our newsletters, website, and social media to showcase the best of your club.



We're sure you're already brewing your 4th of July plans, so don't forget to promote them far and wide! Fun on the water and onshore festivities are the perfect way to show prospective members how great your club is.

Here are a few fun membership ideas to get you started:

Themed Social Events

Think outside the box from "Pirate Night" to "Dock Tails." Original events to be shared on social media and the website to spark conversations and social media buzz.

Introductory Lessons or Cruises

Offer beginner sailing, Sunday Fundays, or paddleboarding lessons as a low-pressure way for newcomers to dip their toes in the water.

Member Referral Programs

Reward your members who bring new faces aboard and spark that friendly competition!

2025 Club of the Year Competition



We're halfway through 2025, and many clubs have been working hard to log activities for the prestigious Club of the Year award. Don't miss the insightful article from our COY Chair Sylvia Wheeler, packed with great tips to help your club claim the title!

Old Timers Luncheon – Save the Date! September 13, 2025



Our annual Old Timers Luncheon is shaping up to be another fantastic celebration! Old Timers Chair Sally Cohen is crafting a program to honor our Staff Commodores in style.

Old Timers Trophy for the club with the most Staff Commodores in attendance

Old Timers Trophy for the club with the highest percentage of living Staff Commodores present

Exclusive SCYA Old Salts Certificates for those with over 50

years of yachting dedication

If your club has an “Old Salt” attending, let us know so we can prepare their certificate in advance. Stay tuned for more details soon. Sally even created a beautiful Save the Date flyer to help spread the word!

Fun Fact to Get You Sailing!



Did you know Roy E. Disney, yes, that Disney! was a SoCal sailor and one of the greatest ocean racers of his time? His yacht, Pyewacket, set multiple records in the legendary Transpacific Yacht Race from California to Hawaii. A longtime member of the California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey, Disney’s passion for sailing inspired countless sailors and showcased the adventurous spirit of California’s yachting community. The club was his home port for racing campaigns, including record-setting runs with his yacht Pyewacket.

Let’s make this summer one to remember!

For more details on upcoming events or to share your club’s happenings, contact us at service@scya.org.

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Upcoming Events



CYC STRONG:

REFLECTIONS AND LESSONS ON
DISASTER, RESILIENCE, AND
COMMUNITY WITH JOHN
HAMILTON, V/C CAL YACHT CLUB



- The 2024 CYC fire (what happened)
- The immediate loss (impact to CYC & members)
- Picking up the pieces (recovery & pivot)
- Renewal (importance of community)
- Path forward (resilience & building a new future)
- Call to action (how SCYA community can help)



DATE
July 14, 2025



TIME
6:00 - 7:00 PM



LOCATION
Zoom



COST
Free



JOHN HAMILTON

CYC V/C
SPEAKER

REGISTER NOW @ <https://scya.org/events-meetings>

Ever wonder what you would do if someone fell overboard from your boat?



SAFETY AT SEA INTERNATIONAL OFFSHORE CERTIFICATION COURSE

August 16-17, 2025

California Yacht Club



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All levels of cruisers, power boaters & sailboat racers who operate nearshore & offshore.
- Crew members of long-distance & international offshore races.

COURSE FACTS

- Certificates are valid for 5 years from date of issue.
- Moderated & taught by experienced, lifelong sailors who include top names in sailing and safety.

THREE OPTIONS

1. Two-Day w/ Hands On (NEW CERTIFICATES)
2. One-Day, Hands On ONLY (NEW CERTIFICATES)
3. One-Day, Hands On ONLY (REFRESHER CERTS)

**REGISTER NOW.
LIMITED SEATING.**



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WWW.SCYA.ORG

SAVE THE DATE!

2025 Commodores Cruise to Avalon, Catalina

October 24-26 Weekend

2026 SCYA Womens Boating Event

February 6-8 @ Long Beach Yacht Club

96th Annual SCYA Midwinter Regatta

February 22-23, February 28-March 1

Interested in hosting?

Reach out to vicecommodore@scya.org

U.S. SAILING RSA - AREA J

Application for Invitation to U.S. Sailing Adult Championships



SCYA Applications for Nomination Open!

2025 U.S. SAILING ADULT SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

Clifford D. Mallory Trophy

SCYA Area J Qualification Process

Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) may submit one team for consideration to compete for the U.S. Sailing Adult Championship - Clifford D. Mallory Trophy. The 2025 SCYA selection criteria will use the same criteria U.S. Sailing

will be using to make their final selections.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

U.S. Sailing

HOSTED BY

Park City Sailing Association (September 26-28, 2025)

U.S. SAILING ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

For more information, see 2025 U.S. Sailing Adult Championships webpage,

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2025-u-s-adult-sailing-championship>

For more information on the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy, see <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/awards-trophies/clifford-d-mallory-trophy>

TEAMS

- Your club must be **a member organization of SCYA** in good standing.
- The Team Skipper must be a member of the club (all members of the team do not need to be members of the club).
- Your club and all members of your team must be **current members of US Sailing**.
- All participants must be at least 19 years of age in the calendar year of the Event.
- Full eligibility requirements, <https://www.ussailing.org/wp->

<content/uploads/2019/01/Adult-Champs-Qualification-and-Eligibility-1-1.pdf>

- Crew: 3 or 4 (including the skipper).
- Boat: J/22

KEY DATES

SCYA Application Deadline: July 20, 2025 at 11:45pm PST

SCYA Notifications: On or before August 1, 2025. Must commit within 72 hours of notification.

U.S. Sailing Application Deadline: August 20, 2025

U.S. Sailing Notifications: On or before August 29

U.S. Sailing Registration Deadline: On or before September 4

SCYA U.S. SAILING ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

This committee is appointed by the SCYA Commodore and comprises of five (5) qualified sailors representing SCYA member organizations in good standing from distinct harbors within the **Area J region**.

The Co-Chairpersons of the committee shall be SCYA Fleet Captain S/C Bill McNamara and SCYA Vice Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales. Committee members must recuse themselves if their SCYA member organization submits an application hereunder. In such cases, the committee shall appoint a qualified replacement. To apply to sit on the SCYA Selection Committee, click here <https://forms.office.com/r/E31Lh2CYDw>

SELECTION PROCESS

SCYA U.S. Sailing Adult Championship Selection Committee

will rate each application in accordance with U.S. Sailing's selection process for when the maximum number of resumes exceed the number of spaces available for the event. In this case, the selection committee will review each application and extend invitations accordingly. Resumes will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 40% Sailor Criteria – How many major events have they competed in the past three years; the number of races in these events, number of attendants
- 20% – Qualified through a regatta at the Regional Sailing Association level
- 20% – Class Criteria – size, diversity, depth, and activity of class they consistently sail nationally
- 10% – sailors under 30 make up 25% of the team
- 10% – female sailors make up at least 25% of the team
- Bonus: Additional 10% if a female is a helm

HOW TO APPLY

To submit an online application, click here, <https://forms.office.com/r/Oi9r1vAUCS>

IMPORTANT!

Please review the U.S. Sailing Adult Championships event page, including the Notice of Race (NOR) and be prepared to comply with all requirements, before submitting a resume.

QUESTIONS?

Contact SCYA Vice Commodore Jodi Masters-Gonzales at vicecommodore@scya.org. Please allow a 48-hour response time.

SCYA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Boater Update



By Themis Z. Glatman, SCYA and RBOC Director
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A mantra for RBOC is to keep fighting for boater's access to navigable waters without too much interference from Government and bureaucracy.

Spot bills and various agendas keep popping up from our representatives in Sacramento, which we follow very close and attend their hearings by our Lobbyist Jerry Desmond of Desmond and Desmond. These are some of the good news and not so good news we can report for our boaters in So Cal.

- Their calendar year has come to a close without an increase in our boater's registration fees, even though they are actually concerned about fully funding the DBW (Department of Boating and Waterways) for the coming year.
- A "Call to Action" was issued for the expedited passage of the Delta Tunnel Project. The Governor thought he could push this multi billion dollar project on his way out

without any consideration for the impact on the environment, on Boaters and the costs. Thankfully it did not pass the lower chambers and was not considered for appropriation in this calendar year.

These were good victories, but some other issues, seem to be going ahead and we are creating opposition to their proposals by letters, Amicus Briefs, and attending their hearings.

- One example is the Marine Flares, SB 561 bill, which seems to be moving ahead despite boater's opposition. Legislation wants Orion to be responsible for collection and disposal of all flares purchased in the state. Orion said they would try a pilot program, but that was not enough for Sacramento, so Orion, who is the only manufacturer of Marine flares for the State, may just stop making them for sale. The fight continues.
- Another pressing issue is the inclusion of alcohol in our marine gasoline namely E15. We already have E10, which is tolerable by our gasoline engines, think outboards, light boats, some power generators, etc. But the inclusion of additional Alcohol will void ALL warranties from boat manufacturers of gasoline engines. For now we are fighting to keep E10 still available in our state, but with refineries closing down in our state, that may not be a solution. Manufacturers have asked for special decals and instruction on pumps to warn users of the danger. Thankfully for now diesel engines are not affected.

- Of utmost importance to us is the Copper discharge in our local waters from boat bottom paint. We got SB773 Dixon to introduce legislation to suspend the enforcement of TMDL, unfortunately it was not taken up in this year's calendar. The fight continues since there is still no viable alternative to having copper paint to prevent growth in our boat's bottoms.

Please notice that all of these issues have a continuance in the next calendar year, and therefore, we humbly ask for you continuing contributions and support to RBOC, we are very active arguing for our rights in Sacramento, but can only continue arguing these and other issues with your support.

So please go to www.RBOC.org and donate as much as you can to allow us to fight and protect your rights to enjoy our waterways for all the Recreational Boaters of California.

Sincerely,
Themis Z. Glatman
RBOC Director/ SCYA Director

CLUB OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

Halfway Through
the Year: A



Reminder for Club of The Year Binders

By Sylvia Wheeler, SCYA Club of the Year Co-Chair
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Well, the year is half through, and your Club of The Year Coordinator should have a very good start to filling in the COY binder. It is always a good idea to make updates on a weekly basis so as not to fall behind and or forget a scheduled event. Constant review of the criteria and comparison with your club calendar as well as the SCYA calendar will help keep you on track. This also prevents the “sprint to the end” come October.

A well-prepared binder with pictures, sign-in sheets, club notices and flyers make a great guide for future club members to follow when planning the upcoming yearly activities. The binders are an excellent tool used in recruiting.

Prospective new members may ask what the club has done that might interest them. Perfect opportunity to break out the binder and show off a little.

It is of the utmost importance to maintain a consistent effort and encourage club members to participate throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the members of the COY Committee. Tommy can be reached at cwowheel@aol.com and Sylvia at forsylviaw@aol.com.

Very Respectfully,
Tommy and Sylvia Wheeler

SAFETY AT SEA COMMITTEE

Put Safety on Your
Summer Calendar—
And Help Us Spread
the Word!



By V/C Jodi Masters-Gonzales, Safety at Sea Co-Chair
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Ready to turn emergencies into well-rehearsed drills? Join us for **SCYA's US Sailing–sanctioned "Safety at Sea" Course on August 16-17, 2025 at California Yacht Club, Marina del Rey.**

Over two hands-on days (or a one-day Sunday refresher), participants practice the skills that save lives offshore: crew-overboard recovery, damage control and firefighting, heavy-weather tactics, boarding a life raft, and more.

Graduates leave with a **World Sailing–compliant certificate that's good for five years**—required for races such as Transpac and Newport-to-Ensenada, and a proactive investment in your crew's well-being.

Course Options & Fees

- *Option 1* – Two-day, first-time certificate (Sat + Sun): **\$475**
- *Option 2* – One-day, hands-on only, first-time (Sun): **\$450**
- *Option 3* – One-day refresher for current certificate holders (Sun): **\$325**

Certified moderator **Captain Debbie Huntsman** leads an experienced instructor team that pairs classroom insights with pool-side and dock-side drills. Seats are limited, and prerequisite online modules must be completed in advance, so early registration is essential.

How Your Club Can Help

1. **Share the registration link** (<https://scya.org/event/scya-safety-at-sea/>) in your next club blast, social feeds, and race-committee announcements.
2. **Post our event flyer** on your notice board, website, and Instagram/Facebook pages ([download here](#)).
3. Encourage your race and cruising skippers to circulate the course to their crews.

By amplifying this message, you'll help equip our entire Southern California fleet with the knowledge and confidence to handle emergencies near and offshore.

Thank you for championing safety—and we hope to see plenty of your burgee colors on the pool deck this August!

Questions or need additional promo materials? Contact V/C Jodi Masters-Gonzales, SCYA Safety at Sea Chair, at vicecommodore@scya.org.

MIDWINTER REGATTA COMMITTEE

2025 Midwinter
Gear - Blow Out
Sale!



2025 MIDWINTER REGATTA GEAR



**FINAL
BLOW OUT
SALE**

**All Shirts \$10
Jackets \$20**



Limited Sizes & Quantities
Sale Ends June 20

Limited sizes & quantities

Well after the regatta is over you and your crew will be able to remember the great times you had by wearing your Official SCYA Midwinter Regatta Gear. Stylish men's and women's shirts, hats and other items available here for online ordering.

Final chance to get your gear before it's all gone!
Grab yours before the stock is all gone.

<https://www.scyamidwinterregatta.org/6204-2>



SCYA Community News & Events



Tom Shadden, Long Beach yachtsman who founded Aquatic Capital of America Foundation, dies at 90

By [Jo Murray](#) | Jo@JoVenture.com | Contributing writer,
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Tom Shadden, a well-known Long Beach yachtsman who cofounded the Aquatic Capital of America Foundation and also helped establish the United States Sailing Center in the city, has died. He was 90.

The cause of death was cardiac arrest related to cancer and other complications, said his son, John Shadden.

Shadden, who died at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach late

last month, was a senior vice president at Morgan Stanley, but his passion was helping his community — particularly when it came to the water. The longtime Long Beach resident spent years working to fulfill his vision for Long Beach as the Aquatic Capital of America, a well-deserved title considering the city has produced more aquatic Olympians, world record holders and national champions than any other in the country.

“I enjoyed my discussions with Tom over the past 10 years,” said Lucy Johnson, a founding board member of the Aquatic Capital of America Foundation, “and will miss his wisdom and foresight.”



Long Beach yachtsman Tom Shadden, shown here in an undated photo, died on May 31. He was 90.

(Courtesy of the Long Beach Yacht Club)



Waterman Tom Shadden at his 90th birthday celebration. (Photo by Jo Murray, Grunion Gazette/SCNG)



Tom Shadden stands next to his Long Beach Century Club Keith Cordes Award during the 58th annual Century Club Banquet at the Grand on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: lbr.centuryclubbanquet.0206 – 2/4/14 – JOSH MORGAN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER – ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER – Long Beach athletes gather for the 58th annual Century Club Banquet at The Grand on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014.

Thomas Everett Shadden was born Nov. 26, 1934, in Los Angeles. His father died during World War II, so he was raised by a single mother.

Shadden attended a military school during his youth and then went to Cal State Long Beach. While at CSULB, he was also the founding president of Phi Sigma Epsilon, a chapter of the National Sales and Marketing Fraternity; and president of the Society for the Advancement of Management.

After graduating from CSULB with a business administration degree, Shadden attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania to study the investment industry. He then joined the U.S. Army, for which he was stationed in Heidelberg, German.

After getting out of the Army, Shadden embarked on his career — eventually making his way to Long Beach.

Early in his career, in the 1960s, he hosted investment presentations at the Masonic Temple in Compton and over the years, he continued to build his financial advisory practice. He retired as senior vice president of Morgan Stanley — a firm that is consistently ranked one of the top 150 private wealth management teams in the country — after 42 years.

But Shadden was also invested in his community.

He served on philanthropic boards in Long Beach, including a

long affiliation with MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center and its nonprofit foundation, for which he served as director and was a past president.

Shadden was also the director of the Long Beach Medical Center's Heart and Vascular Institute and a board governor for the Sea Festival of Long Beach.

And then there was his passion for aquatics — particularly sailing.

That passion was sparked in his youth, when an uncle took him sailing — and he was hooked. His family also spent most summers in Hermosa Beach, where he excelled at swimming, body surfing and surfing.

He joined the Long Beach Yacht Club in 1968. Seven years later, in 1975, Shadden served as chair of the Congressional Cup, the granddaddy of match racing. He was the LBYC commodore in 1980 and received the LBYC's prestigious Richard Loynes Trophy — essentially a yachtsman of the year award — twice.

"Tom Shaden was an incredible man," said Scott Dixon, LBYC's 2024 staff commodore and a board member for the Aquatic Capital of America Foundation. "He truly cared about our community, the people who live here and the children that would be the future of Long Beach. He was always willing to share his rich history here in Long Beach and how to make it a better place where locals love to say they live and visitors love to visit."

In 1975, Shadden and David Crockett Sr. reinvented the California International Sailing Association — which formed four years earlier to fund a California entry in the 1974 America's Cup — to support amateur sailors by providing travel grants for regional, national and international competitions, and by funding local sailing programs and racing clinics. In 1978, Shadden and Crockett established the CISA Advanced Racing Clinic — which has built a legacy as the premier youth training event in the country.

Shadden's love of water sports is also what led him to try to bolster Long Beach as the Aquatic Capital of America.

He and a group of his friends spent two years researching and proved what many of us had long believed: Long Beach had produced more Olympians, world record holders and national champions in virtually all aquatic sports than any other city in the country.

His vision was for the city to acknowledge this and use "Aquatic Capital of America" as a designation for Long Beach and the Convention and Visitors Bureau in marketing materials promoting the beach town as both a tourist destination and a location for the various aquatic sports organizations hosting major competitions, according to Johnson.

A formal request for that designation went before the City Council in 2008. The City Council OK'd referring to Long Beach as the Aquatic Capital of America.

Later that year, Shadden founded and became president of the Aquatic Capital of America Foundation, a nonprofit that started funding free swim lessons for underserved youth through a local YMCA. That program is called “Waterproof Our Youth.”

But Shadden didn’t stop there.

Shadden, along with Chuck Korber, founded the United States Sailing Center in Long Beach; that facility is a training site to help sailors fulfill their Olympic dreams. Over the years, Shadden, along with the Long Beach nonprofit Pacific Coast Sailing Foundation, has helped the waterfront venue evolve into a true center of training for sailors of every ability and from all parts of our community.

“I am blessed to have worked with Tom on projects in our community with the Long Beach Yacht Club and the Aquatic Capital of America,” Dixon said. “I am grateful for his friendship and for teaching me to put others first in everything you do.”

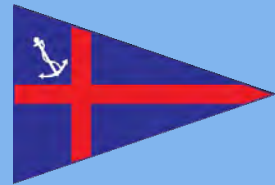
Shadden, who died on May 31, is survived son John Shadden, daughter Laura Shadden, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Shadden was preceded in death by his wife, Sandie, and his son William, who died on the same day in 1993.

His family will hold services in August — the month the Shadden clan traditionally spends together.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the US Sailing Center, the Long Beach Sailing Foundation or Aquatic Capital of America's swim program.

SCYA COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

A Triumph of Volunteerism



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South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club has the fewest members of any club in Marina Del Rey. But it is the oldest yacht club in Santa Monica Bay, with a storied racing heritage and a vibrant membership that operates the club strictly through volunteerism. The club is recognized as the heart of dinghy racing in the ASMBYC and very recently created a junior-sailing program that comprises the top echelon of Junior Optimist sailors on the West Coast.

SCCYC opened its new clubhouse and mast-up storage yard in 2022. Since then, the growth in its dinghy fleet exceeded the capacity of its yard, and the club's growth was constrained. Fortunately, the club had planned for this eventuality, and the specific plan for the development of this area of the marina, included approval for a floating dock to complement the storage space in the yard. As a first phase of that expansion, the volunteers of the club pulled together to construct the floating dock to fit into an existing slip immediately adjacent to the clubhouse. Planning and design of the dock occurred over several months, but construction took just a few days. Up to 16 members worked long hours to construct the dock and boat racks and float them into place, while other members provided much needed support with food and cold drinks.

This triumph of teamwork has made space for 12 Opti's and 9 ILCA Lasers on the floating dock. It greatly assists the youths in launching and recovering their Opti's and will similarly allow the Lasers to launch, recover and store on the floating dock without need for a hoist. SCCYC intends to expand its junior program to allow Opti sailors to continue their development in the ILCA's with an eye toward continued development at the top level of youth sailing. The dock also will accommodate Lasers for adult sailors, sustaining that fleet and contributing to new participation. SCCYC sponsors the Thursday night Sunstroke Series which attracts junior and adult sailors in Snipes, Lido's, C-15's and Lasers.

In recognition of the importance of the SCCYC junior program

and the role that the floating dock has in growing that program, the Santa Monica Bay Sailing Foundation has created a mechanism for interested parties to make tax-deductible contributions to help SCCYC offset the cost of the floating dock. Interested benefactors may contribute here: <https://www.smbf.org/donate/> Those contributing should note that their contributions are intended to be directed to this floating dock.

SCYA celebrates the Corinthian Spirit of SCCYC.

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Episode 31: The
Golden Mussel, A
New Freshwater
Invasive Species for
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Learn about the new freshwater invasive mussel for California, the Golden Mussel!



In this [episode](#), we learn about the new freshwater invasive mussel in California, Golden Mussels (GM), its natural habitat, when and where it got here and where it is currently found in the state, its biology and potential environmental and economic impacts. We will learn about the state's efforts to prevent its further spread, and best management practices for water users. @thecaliforniacoast @CaliforniaDFW @scwa2.com @castatelands

Important Websites

- Golden Mussel Information: [California Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)

- [California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways](#)
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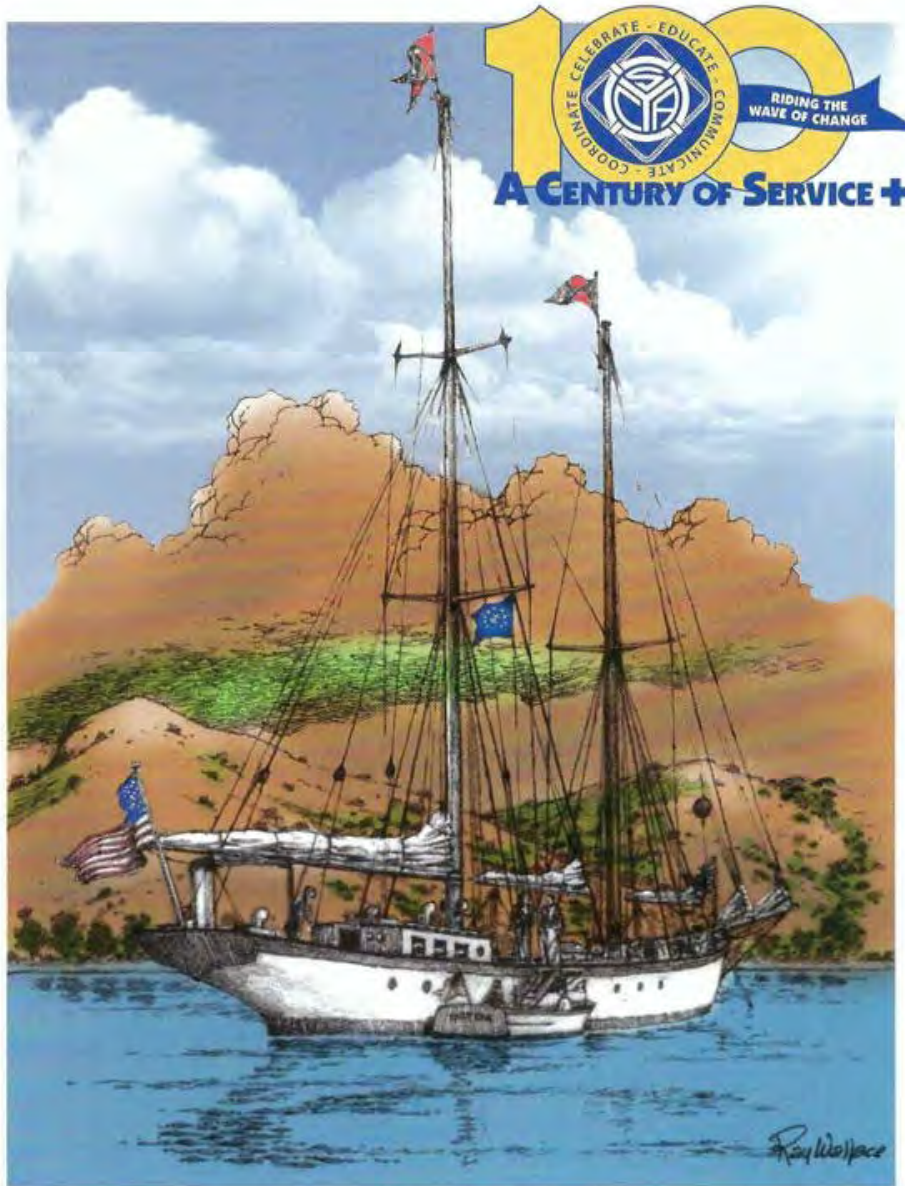
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The Spotlight is intended for Alerts and Invitations.

It is sent no more than 1x per day, Monday through Friday and can be sent to all subscribers or to member clubs by Harbor Association. Alerts are items of concern that could have an immediate impact on the boating community such as entangled whales or areas to avoid. Invitations include

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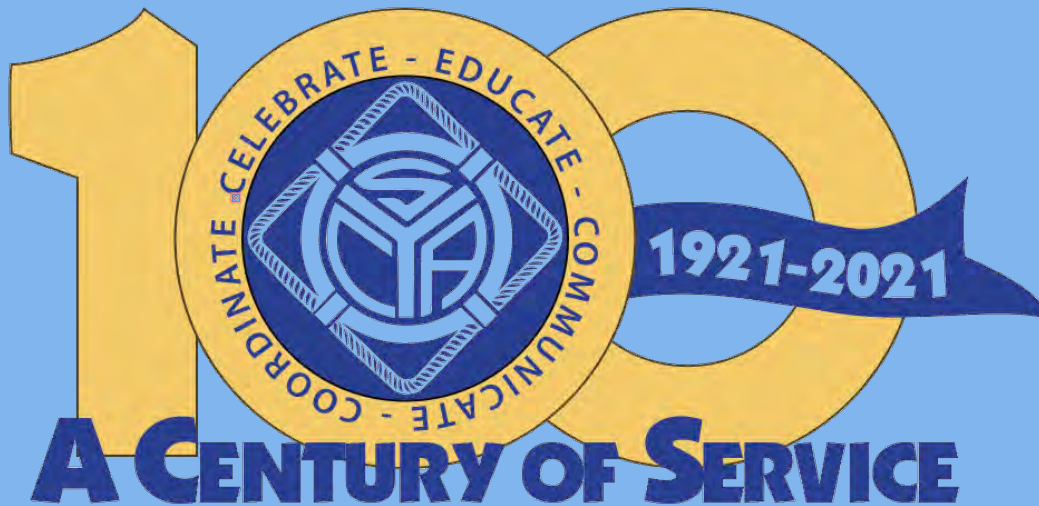
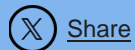
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